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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
BIGG, et al.
Serial No.: 09/612,382
Filed: July 7, 2000
For: NEW ... CONTAINING THEM

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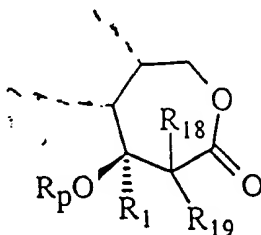
Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 7, 2001, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 (twice amended) A method of treating a cancer
selected from the group consisting of leukemia, colon cancer, lung
cancer, prostate cancer and breast cancer in warm-blooded animals
comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof a
camptothecin with a 7-ring member β -hydroxy lactone ring of the
formula



wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl of 1 to
6 carbon atoms, alkenyl and alkynyl of 2 to 6 carbon atoms